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**Entry of Appearance Filed** 

Entry of Appearance - Julia Cammack additional counsel for Plaintiff.

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On Behalf Of: NICOLE CHILDRESS

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

NICOLE CHILDRESS,	)	
District	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Cause No.
v.	)	
	)	Division
WALGREEN CO., D/B/A WALGREENS,	)	
Serve: Prentice-Hall Corporation	)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
System, Inc.	)	
221 Bolivar Street	)	
Jefferson City, MO 65101	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

#### **PETITION**

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Nicole Childress, by and through undersigned counsel, and for her cause of action against Defendant Walgreen Co., d/b/a Walgreens, states as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff Nicole Childress is a resident of the State of Missouri.
- Defendant Walgreen Co., d/b/a Walgreens (hereinafter "Walgreens"), is a foreign corporation
  in good standing with a registered agent for receipt of service of process located at 221
  Bolivar Street, Cole County, State of Missouri.
- 3. At all relevant times, Defendant Walgreens owned, operated, managed and/or controlled the premises located at 15390 New Halls Ferry Road, St. Louis County, State of Missouri.
- 4. On December 9, 2013, Plaintiff was an invitee on the premises located at 15390 New Halls Ferry Road, St. Louis County, State of Missouri.
- 5. On December 9, 2013, there was a puddle of liquid on the floor near the entryway of the premises owned, operated, managed and/or controlled by Defendant Walgreens located at 15390 New Halls Ferry Road, St. Louis County, State of Missouri, and as a result the floor was not reasonably safe.
- 6. On December 9, 2013, Plaintiff slipped on the puddle of liquid on the floor of the entryway of the above-referenced area, causing her to fall and sustain injuries as set out more fully below.

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7. Defendant Walgreens knew, or by using ordinary care could have known, that the floor of the entryway was dangerous and defective in that there was a puddle of liquid on it, and was careless and negligent in one or more of the following ways:

- a. Defendant Walgreens failed to remove the dangerous and defective condition from the floor;
- b. Defendant Walgreens failed to warn of the unsafe nature of the floor;
- c. Defendant Walgreens failed to properly maintain the floor; and
- d. Defendant Walgreens failed to barricade the dangerous area of the floor.
- 8. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Walgreens' carelessness and negligence as detailed above, the floor of the entryway of the above-referenced area was not reasonably safe.
- 9. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Walgreens' carelessness and negligence, Plaintiff was injured and damaged; Plaintiff sustained injuries to her left shoulder, right shoulder, left arm and neck; Plaintiff required medical treatment and will require treatment in the future; Plaintiff's ability to work, labor and enjoy life has been and will be impaired, all to her detriment and damage.
- 10. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Walgreens' carelessness and negligence,
  Plaintiff incurred treatment expenses in an amount not yet determined and will incur
  treatment expenses in the future; Plaintiff lost wages and will lose wages in the future.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff Nicole Childress prays this Court to enter judgment against Defendant Walgreen Co., d/b/a Walgreens, in an amount that is fair and reasonable in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

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Serve: Prentice-Hall Corporation	)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
System, Inc.	)	
221 Bolivar Street	)	
Jefferson City, MO 65101	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

COMES NOW, Julia W. Cammack of Goldblatt + Singer and hereby enters her appearance as additional counsel for Plaintiff in the above noted matter.

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#### IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

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Judge or Division: BRIAN H MAY	Case Number: 16SL-CC04711	
Plaintiff/Petitioner:	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address CHRISTOPHER ANDREW ALLEN	
NICOLE CHILDRESS	SUITE 801	
	8182 MARYLAND AVENUE	
VS.	CLAYTON, MO 63105	4
Defendant/Respondent: WALGREEN CO DBA: WALGREENS	Court Address: ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING 105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE CLAYTON, MO 63105	SHERIFF FEE PAID
Nature of Suit: CC Pers Injury-Other	CEATT TOTAL VOTOS	(Date File Stamp)

**Summons in Civil Case** 

The State of Missouri to: WALGREEN CO

Alias:

DBA: WALGREENS

PRENTICE-HALL CORP SYSTEM INC

221 BOLIVAR STREET JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

COURT SEAL OF



ST. LOUIS COUNTY

You are summoned to appear before this court and to file your pleading to the petition, a copy of which is attached, and to serve a copy of your pleading upon the attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner at the above address all within 30 days after receiving this summons, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to file your pleading, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have special needs addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please notify the Office of the Circuit Clerk at 314-615-8029, FAX 314-615-8739 or TTY at 314-615-4567, at least three business days in advance of the court proceeding.

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	a copy of the petition must be served on each Defendant/Respondent. For method	s of service on all classes of
suits, see Supreme Court Rule	le 54.	

#### THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Twenty First Judicial Circuit

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Judge or Division:	Case Number: 16SL-CC04711
BRIAN H MAY	Case Number: 16SL-CC04711  JAN 17 2017 JAN 09 2017
Plaintiff/Petitioner: NICOLE CHILDRESS  vs.	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address CHRISTOPHER ANDREW ALLEN SUITE 801 8182 MARYLAND AVENUE CLAYTON, MO 63105  JOAN M. GROEF COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK, SELECTIFF'S OFFICE
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